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From: 0001, 1 Jan 45 To: 2400, 1 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Rahling, France

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Maps: France 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVI-13 and XXXVII-14

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

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- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
  -.. See overlay forwarded by Ln O 011400 Jan 45.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weether: Older end cold.
  Visibility: Unlimited.
  5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

See stohd sheet.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

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7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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From: 0001, 2 Jan 45 To: 2400, 2 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Niedersoultzbach, Fr.
Date: 022400, 2 Jan 45

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Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets VI & V2

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45.

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
  C-94 relieved from attachment to this unit.
  See overly
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weather: Clear and cold.
  Visibility: Unlimited.
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

  Bn and attachments began mounted road march to new area; head of column crossed IP 021252 Jan 45. Tail of column closed in new area 021655 Jan 45. See atchd overlay for route. Co B (2 rifle platoons) with 1-G 125th Engrs to outpost asgd sector (see overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45) to detect and defeat any attempted enemy infiltration from woods from NW or thru our flanks. One rifle platoon, Co B, in support. C-48 and C-68 in reserve. 1-C 125th Engrs preparing road and tree demolitions. See overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45 for location of troops, etc.
- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit moved to new area. Outposted assigned sector.

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Issuing Unit: 68th ATB

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Date: 032400, 3 Jan 45

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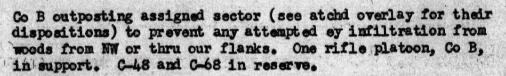
1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlays.

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
  1-C 125th Engrs relieved from attachment.
  See atchd overlays.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weather: Cloudy and cold.
  Visibility: Foor
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:



- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Co B outposting assigned sector to prevent ey infiltration.

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From: 0001. 4 Jan 45 To: 2400. 4 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Niedersoultzbach, Fr.

Date: 042400 Jan 45

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Maps: France 1:50,000 Sheet XXXVII-14.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay accompanying \$-3 Report No. 17

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 17

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:



- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weather: Cloudy and cold.
  Visibility: Poor
- OUR DPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

  On B continued to outpost assigned sector (see overlay previously submitted) to prevent any attempted by infiltration from woods from NW or thru our flanks. One rifle platoon, Co B, in support.

  C-48 and C-68 in reserve. I&R Platoon motorized patrols making contact with friendly troops at Erkartswiller to obtain situation, and also to Dossenheim. Patrols continuing throughout might every 3 hours. (See atchd overlay for routes). See atchd overlay of patrol made by I&R Plt at 1745, giving locations of friendly and by troops.
- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Co B outposting asgd sector to prevent ey infiltration. I&R Plateon contacting friendly troops to obtain situation.

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Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Date: 052400 Jan 45

Place: Niedersoultzbach, Fr.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 17.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay accompanying S\_3 Report No. 17.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
See overlay previously submitted.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
Weather: Partly cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Fair
OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Co B continued to outpost asgd sector (see overlay previously submitted) to prevent any ey infiltration from woods from NW or thru our flanks. One rifle plateon, Co B, in support. C-48 and C-68 in reserve. Balance of unit and attachment carrying out training schedule (see copy previously submitted). One section I&R Plateon continued motorized contact patrols to CP 180th Inf Regt at Wissemau every two his throughout day and night; one section I&R plateon continued security patrol to Dossenheim every three hrs.

throughout day and night. (See atchd overlay for routes of motor-

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

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7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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OUR FRONT LINES:

None

LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Enroute to Soults.

INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

Enroute to Soults

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Westher: Pertly cloudy and cold. Visibility: Peir OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERICD:

00 B, 68, relieved from outpost mission by 1 plat B-94 at 1610. Co B reassembled in Weinbourge Balance of unit carried out training as per schedule previously autmitted. 1-0 125 Engr and C Trp 94 (-) joined unit for mounted merch to Soults. Unit and ettachments erossed IN 1045 on mounted roed march to Soults. of march see overlay).

- COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. PISULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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From: 0001, 7 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Places Soultz-sous-Forets, Fr.

Date: 072400 Jan 45

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Maps:

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Soultz-sous-Forets



- INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weether: Oloudy, cold, with light snow
  Visibility: Poor
- 6. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

  Unit and attachments closed in new area (Soult 2-sous-Forets) 0432.

  O Trp 94 (-) relieved from attachment to 68th. Unit reorganizing for any forthcoming mission. 1-0 125th made road ron, covering roads in immediate sector. Report submitted to COMA.
  - 6. COMPAT EFFICIENCY: Good
  - 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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Issuing Unit: 68th ATE

Places Soult z-Bous-Torets, Fr

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Dete: 082400 Jan 45

Maps:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
Soultz-sous-Forets.

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
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  Co B. 827th TD Breatchd.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weather: Cloudy with snow.
  Visibility: Foor
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  At C500 Co E, 827th TD Bn, joined 68th. Recommensations and de by
  I&R Plat and CO, Co B, 827th TD, for defensive positions in vicinity
  of Soultz-sous-Forets. At 1615 Co B, 827th TD, made practice move
  to defensive firing positions on high ground approx 1/2 mi. North
  of Soultz-sous-Forets and upon completion returned to Soultz-sousTorets.
- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. PESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Soultz-sous-Forets, Fr
Date: 092400 Jan 45

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

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1-C 125th Engrs Co B, 827th TD Bn (detached)

Weather: Moderately cold and clear. Visibility: Good

Unit and attachments remained alert for movement. 1 Plat Co B 827th TD Bn moved per request of Task Force Wahl at 1325 to vic North of Hatten. At 1500 balance Co B 827th TD Bn and Co C 48th Tk Bn joined forces engaged in tank battle North of Hatten. Rcn made by CO and S-3 in conjunction with I&R Plat to select defensive position sites in this sector. Plan for Defense submitted CCA earlier today via Ln O.



- 6. COMENT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit alert for movement. C-48 and B-827 joined forces N of Hatten.

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Place: Soultz-sone Forets, Fr.

Date: 102400 Jan 45

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1. OUR FRONT LINES:

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Soultz-sous-Forets, Fr.

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 1-C 125th Engrs atchd. Co A, 48th Tk Bn atchd.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weather: Clear and moderately cold.
  Visibility: Good
- Unit and attachments remained alert for movement in any direction. Co A 48th Tk Bn joined this unit 101930 Jan 45.

- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. PESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit alert for movement. A-48 joined unit.

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Weather: Cloudy and cold with occasional snow flurries.
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At 0800 coordinated attack launched on Rittershoffen from high ground (see overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 25). Advanced and Forward CP was set up in Rittershoffen at 1015. Attack divided into assault groups. By tenk, MG and sniper fire held up troops in north center of town and forced to withdraw to main street (Chekk Point 1, South). At dark outposted (sector in our hands (See overlay forwarded via In 0) A-48 withdraw at dark to same position as last night with 1-0-125 out in front (for position see overlay). Contact being made with CCB outpost hourly on half hour and B-68 hourly on half hour, beginning at 1930.

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2400, 13 Jen 45
Lesuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Date: 132400 Jen 45

France 1:25,000 (Reference: Sketch of Rittershoffen).

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Weather: Clear & cold.

REALTY OF COUNTRY

Visibility: Good, except in Rittershoffen where smoke from burning bldg OUN CARACTER STATE OF THE STATE OF COMMENTAL STATE OF CHECK POINT IS heavy.

Resumed attack at C800. (Reference: Sketch of town) Progressed slowly up from positions on main street of Rittershoffen. Co A advanced slowly up street to left while Co C advanced slowly up street NE of Check Point 1 South, both working in the inf teams. Intense SAF and morter fire (ey) from NE and N part of town around Check Point 1 North. By arty intense in town throughout day. Intense sniper fire from buildings. AG's and Clmm's fired on NE part of town vic (15682420). Most of bldgs in town on fire from our arty and sy arty. It dark troops forced to withdrew to same sector of town as lasthque are to most bldgs on fire. By counterattacks of small forces forced backett 1700 and 1815. Outposted sector of town in our hands the same as last night (for positions see overlay submitted via In C). Troops firing herassing fire into houses with SA during night. Counterattack from East at approx 2115 successfully repelled and our defenses maintained. Contect patrols maintained with 48th on right and CCB on left, beginning at 1930.

Troops holding present positions, despite intense ey SAF, mortar and arty.

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From: 0001, 16 Jen 45 To: 2400, 16 Jen 45 Issuing Unit: 68 AIB Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr Date: 162400 Jen 45

No. 299 .

Maps: France 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted vie Ln O.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

see overley submitted vie In O.

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

  B-68 returned to Bn control

  See overley submitted via Ln O.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Westher: Older and cold. Visibility: Good

5. OUR OFERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Attack of Rittershoffen continued. Much less movement of enemy vehicles, but intense hvy, ey morter end erty fire continued. Steeple on church in Rittershoffen completely demolished by our tenk fire. Speancdic ey bur p gun end eniper fire from NW part of town. At darkness troops re-occupied bldgs previously held and outposted, making contact patrols with adjacent units, (see overlay submitted via In O). Friendly arty prepared for defensive harassing missions throughout night. Elmm morters fired effectively on ey. Arty destroyed by annual lump. Our taxaper pucceeded in flushing destroying considerable by

- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATION:

Troops held sector previously taken.

8. TANK AND TO STATUS:

Vehicles Out:

68 Hq - One (1) 1/4 ton Over 24 hours.
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One (1) 2-1/2 Ton Truck
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Over 24 hours.

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From: 0001, 17 Jen 45 To: 2400, 17 Jen 45 Issuing Unit: 68 AB Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr. Dete: 172400 Jen 45

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Map: Frence 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overley submitted vie In C.

3. INFORMATION OF ADDIGENT AND SUFFICETING TROOPS:

See overley submitted vis In C.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weether: Oldudy and sold. Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Continued attack of Rittershoffen in conjunction with 1st En, 315 Inf. Troops advanced slowly under heavy sniper fire. Ey aggressive, firing on our vehicles on Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen road. At derkness troops held previously taken sector and placed outpost defenses, contacting adjacent units. Friendly arty prepared for defensive heressing missions throughout night.

- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OFERATION:

Troops held sector previously taken.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Vehicles Out:

B-68 2 - M4 Tenks (75mm Guns)

Sv-68 1 - Tenk Recovery Unit

Out over 24 hours Out over 24 hrs.

A. E. SEIFERT, K. Cept., Infentry. K.

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From: 0001, 18 Jan 45 To : 2400, 18 Jan 45 Issuing Unit: 68 AIB Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr. Dete: 182400 Jan 45

No. 31

Map: France 1:25,000

1. OUR MONT LINES:

See overley submitted via Ln O.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via In O.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

B-315 stehd to 68th for tectical purposes only. See overlay submitted via Ln O.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weether: Cloudy and cold. Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

68 continued to hold sector of Rittershoffen previously taken. 68 patrols active in conjunction with 1-315 Inf and 68 relieved from attachment to 1-315 effective 1100. Contact patrols contacting 62d AIB on left (see overley submitted via Ln C). Eyeless active today. Received some intense hvy eyerty in Rittershoffen. AG's and 81mm morters active, firing harassing fires. Friendly arty prepared for defensive harassing missions throughout the night.

- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Troops held sector previously taken.

8. TANK AND TO STATUS:

No vehicles lost today.

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#### S-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 19 Jan 45 To: 2400, 19 Jan 45 Issuing Unit: 68th AIB Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr. Date: 192400 Jan 45

No. 32

Map: France 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and mild, with occasional showers. Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PEHLOD:

68 continued to hold sector of Rittershoffen previously taken. Strong combat patrols of 68 tried to force their way North in town, but were held down and forced to withdraw due to hvy ey sniper fire. 81mm Mortar and 75mm AG's fired diversionary fire at (158343) in order to permit strong combat patrol of 68 to make its way up street in west part of town in an effort to contact B-315 - Results not known. Friendly arty prepared for firing defensive harassing missions throughout night. 68 continued to hold previously taken sector of town, making contact patrols throughout the night (see overlay submitted via Ln 0).

- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Troops held sector previously taken,

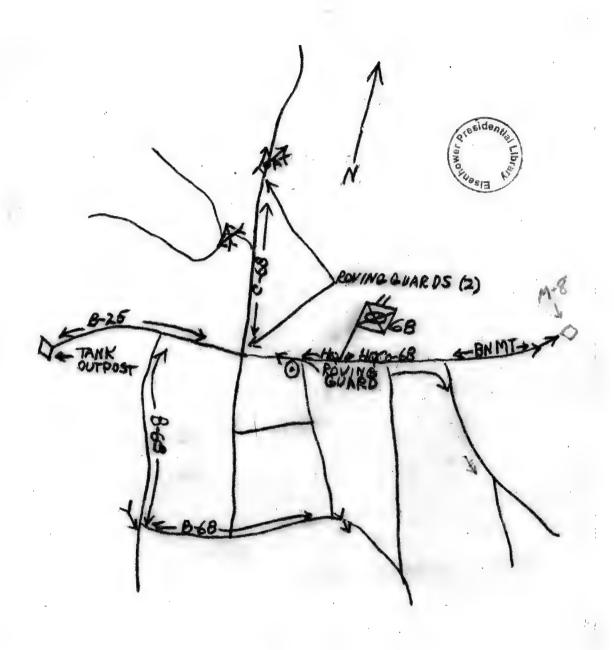
8. TANK AND TO STATUS:

Hq Co -68 - One (1) 1/4 Ton

Over 24 hours

A. E. SEIFERT,

Capt., Inf.,



SECURITY PLAN 68TH A.I.B. 23 JAN 45

TOWN PLAN OF BATZENDORF

### 3-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 24 Jan 45 To : 2400, 24 Jan 45 Issuing Unit: 68th AIB Place: Batsendorf, Fr. Date: 241900 Jan 45

No. 35

Map: France 1:50,000

- 1. OUR PRONT LINES: IXXX
- 2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Batsendorf, Fr.
- 3. IMPORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

B-25 atchd. 1-B-125 Engre atchd.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cold and cloudy. Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERICO:

Unit and attachments in bivouse at Batzendorf. Town heavily outposted (For complete information see meno and sketches submitted via Ln O regarding security). Unit alert for committment.

- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Fair
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit in bivous o; alert for committeent.

A. TANK AND TO STATURE

O	Type O	perationally	UNDER	REPAIR	
Company	Vehicle	Pit	Under 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs	Lost During Per-
B-25 Tk	IL 4000	6	0	0	0
	M4 (75)	9	0	1	0
Mq 00-68	ms (75)	2	0	0	0

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From: 0001, 25 Jan 45 To: 2000, 25 Jan 45 Issuing Unit: 68th Alb Place: Winterhausen, Fr. Date: 252100 Jan 45

No. 36

Mep: France 1:25,000 Sheets XXXVIII-14 5 & 6, XXXVIII-15 7 & 8.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

B-25 etchd. 1-B-125 etchd. 499 FA in support

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weether: Cloudy and Cold. Visibility; Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Attack jumped off at 1230, objective being to tie in with unit on left vie (981257) and restore MLR. Attack formation: C-68 with 1 plateon B-25, B-68 with belance of B-25. Troops advanced from Ohlungen to ME by-passing Schweighausen, circling west on either side of road, using it as exis of advance. Troops reached as far as vic 989252). At dark troops dug in along line (see atchd overlay). 499th Arty set up defensive fires for night (see overlay).

- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

See Per. 5.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

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B-25 Tk	M4 (76)	6	0	. 0		0
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Hq Co-68th	M8 (75)	2	0 .	0		0
	M4 (105)	1	0	0	1.6	0

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From: 0001, 26 Jan 45 To: 2400, 26 Jan 45 Issuing Unit: 68th AIB Place: Batzendorf, Fr. Date: 261900 Jan 45

No. 37

Map: XXX

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Batzendorf

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: B-25 atchd. 1-B-125 atchd.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weather: Cloudy and cold with snow.
  Visibility: Fair
- Troops launched attack at 0730 from previously dug-in positions, with objecttive of re-establishing MIR along road in our sector vic (976255) to (993248).

  Despite deep snow and drifts, in addition to heavy falling snow, troops advanced with great difficulty, meeting no ey resistance, and reached the objective at 0930. Troops filled dug-in positions along road vic (976255) to
  (993248) and awaited relief by 1st Bn 314 Inf. Relief was effective approx
  1545. Troops were infiltrated out of positions to vic Ohlungen, mounted in
  vehicles for infiltration back to Batzendorf. All troops closed in Batzendorf
  1545, at which time Batzendorf was outposted.
- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATION:

Unit successfully achieved objective; relieved by 1st Bn, 314 Inf.

TANK AND TD STATUS:

Type Operationally UNDER REPAIR

Company Vehicle Fit Under 24 Hrs Over

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Hq Co-68th M8 (75) W4 (105)

> A. E. SEIFERT, Capt., Infantry S-3



From: 0001, 27 Jan 45 To : 2400, 27 Jan 45 Issuing Unit: 68th AIB Place: Batzendorf, Fr. Date: 271900 Jan 45

No. 35

Map: XXX

- 1. OUR FRONT LINES: XXXX
- 2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Batzendorf

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: B-25 atchd. 1-B-125 atchd.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
  Weather: Cloudy and cold with heavy snow.
  Visibility: Fair
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  Unit and attachments in bivouse at Batzendorf, awaiting further orders.
- 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit in bivouse, awaiting orders.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

	Type	Operationally	UNDER	REPAIR		à.,
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B-25 Tk	M4 (76)	6	0	0	0	,
	14 (75)	10	0	0	0	1
Hq Co-68	M8 (75)	2	0	0	0	1
	M4 (105)	1	0	0	O .	

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#### S-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 28 Jan 45 To : 2400, 28 Jan 45 Issuing Unit: 68th AIB Place: Batsendorf, Fr. Date: 281830 Jan 45

No. 39

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- 1. OUR PRONT LINES: XXXX
- 2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Batzendorf

- 3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: B-25 atchd. 1-B-125 atchd.
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Weather: Gloudy and cold with snow flurries. Visibility: Fair
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments remained in assembly area at Batsendorf, awaiting further orders.

6. COMBAT BFFI CIENCY:

Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXXX

B. TANK AND TO STATUS:

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Company	Vehicle	Pit	Under 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs	Lost During Period
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	M4 (75)	10	0	0	0
Hq Co-68	M8 (75)	2	. 0	0	0
/	M4 (105)	1	0	0	0

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